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LONDON FOR AMBASSADOR YOUNG

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SUBJECT: INDICTMENT FOR ESPIONAGE AND COMPROMISE OF
DOCUMENTS: ACTIVITIES OF SRV MISSION TO UN

REFS: A. STATE 026697 B. PARIS 02628

1. EMBOFF CALLED ON SRV LIAISON OFFICER DO THANH
AT 2030 PARIS TIME FEBRUARY 1 AND READ IN FRENCH THE
US MESSAGE TO THE SRV CONTAINED IN PARAGRAPHS 3-5
OF REF A. EMBOFF ALSO PROVIDED THE ENGLISH
TEXT AS A 'BOUT DE PAPIER'. EMBOFF EXPLAINED
THAT FORMAL MESSAGE WAS BEING PRESENTED TO AMBASSADOR
DINH BA THI IN NEW YORK, BUT THAT INFORMAL TEXT
WAS BEING PROVIDED IN PARIS BECAUSE OF SRV'S BETTER
COMMUNICATIONS WITH HANOI FROM HERE.

2. DO THANH SAID HE TOOK NOTE OF US MESSAGE AND
THAT HANOI WOULD BE INFORMED. HE ASKED WHETHER
WE HAD NOTED THEIR PRESS STATEMENT IN WHICH
SRV EMBASSY HAD CATEGORICALLY DENIED ANY INVOLVEMENT
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IN ESPIONAGE AND ASSOCIATION VIETNAMESE IN FRANCE
OFFICIAL NGUYEN NGOC GIAO HAD ACKNOWLEDGED
CORRESPONDENCE WITH TRUONG DINH HUNG BUT SAID
IT WAS "PERFECTLY NORMAL" COMMUNICATION AMONG
VIETNAMESE ABOUT THEIR COUNTRY. EMBOFF NOTED THAT
WE HAD TRANSMITTED THIS SRV EMBASSY STATEMENT TO
WASHINGTON. DO THANH SAID THAT US HAD PROVIDED

NO PROOF OF THE ALLEGATIONS AGAINST THE SRV
OFFICERS AND ASKED WHAT THEY WERE; EMBOFF
DECLINED TO DISCUSS THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE CASE.
DO THANH REFLECTED SOMEWHAT SOMBERLY THAT THIS
PROTEST, FOLLOWING ON GATEWAY CITY MESSAGE
(REF. B), SHOWED THE US WAS BEARING DOWN HARD ON
SRV.

3. DO THANH SEEMED WELL AWARE OF THE SERIOUSNESS
OF THE INCIDENT AND SHOWED THAT THE SRV INTENDED
TO CONTINUE TO DENOUNCE THE US ACCUSATIONS AS
WITHOUT FOUNDATION. DO THANH SEEMED PERSONALLY
RATHER DISTRESSED BY THIS TURN IN US/VN RELATIONS.
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